report which appeared in the 'Indian Express' dated the 18th May, 2002 captioned "UGC to fund Yoga Centre at Chhattarpur", (Delhi);

(b) if so, the details of the financial assistance proposed to be offered;

(c) what are the course curriculum being organised at this yoga centre and the number of persons imparted training during 2001; and

(d) whether there have been any complaints against this funding, when the UGC is facing financial crisis, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the information furnished by University Grants Commission, a sum of Rs. 2,80,000/- (Rs. 1,00,000/- for initial furnishing, equipment and contingency and Rs. 1,80,000/- for one year salary of two Yoga Instructors *w.e.f.* the date of joining @ Rs. 7,500/- p.m. (each) has been released to Jain Vishwa Bharati Institute, Ladnun for setting up a Yoga Centre in its Camp Office at Chhattarpur, Delhi during 2000-01.

(c) The activities organised during the year 2001-02 were-Morning Meditation, Yogabhyas, Kayotsarga (Relaxation), Evening Meditation, Preksha Meditation Heart, Diabetes & HBP, Preksha Meditation Asthama, Preksha Meditation Stress Management, Preksha Meditation Sadhna Sivir, Preksha Meditation Health Happiness for Senior Citizens and Preksha Meditation Colour Therapy.

The UGC has informed that the number of persons participated in different activities under the Yoga Centre were 1069 during the academic year 2000-01 and the number of persons participated during the academic year 2001-02 were 508.

(d) No, Sir.

Performance of Urdu schools

385. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-items which appeared in The Hindustan Times' dated the 4th June, 2002 under the caption, "Urdu Schools fail to deliver";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to meet the shortcomings in the Urdu teaching schools, to ensure that Urdu attains its last glory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Assured Career Progression in ICHR

386. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of ICHR who got departmental promotion in 1992, have been again given the benefit of A.C.P;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether these benefits are being given against the rules prescribed for A.C.P.; and

(d) if not, the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (d) India Council of Historical Research has informed that one Group 'C employee who was appointed on 21st May, 1975 was given regular promotion in the year 1992. He was given 2nd ACP after completion of 24 years of service *i.e.* 21st May 1999. The ACP was given strictly in accordance with the instructions issued by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and pensions.

Bifurcation of railway zones

387. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to carve out two new railway zones;